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(c) & (d) The Government have issued no such orders.

(e) A sum of Rs. 4,350 has been surrendered from the allotment for works in charge of the Public Works Department as a measure of retrenchment. There have been no other surrenders.

Land Revenue Administration

Orders of Government on the representations made to His Excellency the Governor regarding takavi loans and wells for irrigation.

* 592 *Q.*—Mr. P. Bayappa Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what orders have been passed by the Government, on the representations made to His Excellency in July last when he toured in Anantapur district, in respect of—

(1) more wells for irrigation purposes; and

(2) concession rates of interest on takavi loans and especially those taken for digging wells?

A.—The following questions were raised in the representations made to His Excellency the Governor in July 1931, when he toured in the Anantapur district:—

(1) whether money could not be advanced at a lower rate of interest for the purpose of digging wells; and

(2) whether it would be possible to make such a concession retrospective.

The Revised Loan Rules (contained in the Takavi Manual) now in force permit the grant of loans for digging wells at special rates of interest or without interest. For the grant of such a concession, special justification is required in each case. The concessions cannot be granted in any general terms.

The question whether any concession, if granted, should be made retrospective would be decided on the merits of the particular case. No specific order was issued on the above subject as the rules already contain the necessary provision.

Assessment on lands converted into 'wet' or 'garden' by the ryots' labour.

* 593 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether dry lands which have been converted into wet or garden lands by the ryots in South Kanara are being reclassified now and if so, in which parts of the district, this work has so far been done;

(b) whether the Government propose to impose on such lands wet or garden rates of assessment;